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By Ms. Blumer of Framingham, petition of Deborah D. Blumer and others for legislation to establish a plan for noise abatement adjacent to the Massachusetts Turnpike. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Deborah D. Blumer                      Alice Hanlon Peisch  
David Paul Linsky

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR NOISE ABATEMENT ADJACENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special act to the  
2 contrary, the Massachusetts Turnpike shall establish a plan for  
3 noise abatement in residential and recreational areas adjacent to  
4 the turnpike. Said plan shall include an assessment of sound in  
5 accordance with the United States Department of Transportation,  
6 Federal Highway Administration criteria for interior and exterior  
7 sound levels and shall, where sound levels exceed federal guide-  
8 lines, define mitigation options and provide estimates of any  
9 costs. The plan shall include programs to reduce sound by 5 dBA  
10 or higher and shall define alternatives including but not limited to  
11 full and partial sound barriers, road surfaces, sound-proofing of  
12 structures including privately owned residential buildings to  
13 achieve these reductions. The plan shall prioritize areas where  
14 noise has increased by 5 dBA or more over a 10 year period. The  
15 turnpike shall convene public in at least three regions of the state  
16 to accept public input prior to developing the plan. The plan shall  
17 include a proposed budget and timetable for mitigation so that all  
18 work is complete prior to January 1, 2007.

1     SECTION 2. The turnpike shall submit this plan to the Joint  
2     Committee on Transportation by December 1, 2005 and shall  
3     include necessary funds in its operating and capital budgets for  
4     fiscal years 2006 and 2007.